

Here comes  
Dad with our  
Christmas  
tree!



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Shown actual size  
of 8 1/2" in diameter.

RESERVATION APPLICATION  
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# Bringing Home the Tree

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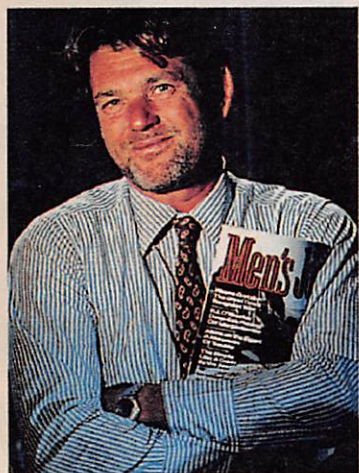
**Bringing Home  
the Tree**

Limit:  
two plates  
per collector



# what's next

Tips, trends, teasers



STEVEN BOLTONS

## Let guys be guys, men's mag says

Some would argue that men always have had it pretty good, but it may get easier in the '90s for the much-bashed sex. "There's more opportunity for equality, so men can be more male," says *Men's Journal* editor in chief Jann Wenner. Meaning more skiing, fishing and motorcycling, judging by the magazine's second issue, on stands Tuesday (bimonthly publication starts in March). While doing guy things is p.c., the approach has changed, Wenner says:

**HUNTING.** Do it without killing. Sporting-clay courses, combining exercise with the skill of skeet shooting, are spreading.

**WOMEN.** Give men space to be men, and give women space to be women. And do it together.

**CHILDREN.** Nothing is wasted on kids. Take them hiking or skiing; involve them with your passions and encourage theirs.

## While engineers get pink slips, butlers stay busy

Just when you thought the recession was knocking on every door, you find it ain't so: The butler biz is in the black. "We place 15 to 20 people a month, and we have a waiting list," says Mary Starkey of Starkey International Institute, a Denver-based butler-training school. Students fork over \$4,450 for an eight-week course in which they learn to mix Manhattans, polish silver and distinguish between a Burberry's and a London Fog raincoat (imagine the embarrassment). "Household managers," their '90s job title, earn \$25,000-\$60,000 a year, plus perks like room and board, a car and insurance. Coffee, anyone?



PATRICIA BARRY LEVY

Butler coach Mary Starkey is waited on by students, from left, Beverly Whiteway, John Hookey, Jenny Hookey and Joe Carter.

## Brand-new baby book of the stars

Can you spot a celebrity from miles — or years — away? Prove it. The new book "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" (Hyperion, \$7.95) in stores this week compiles the baby

pictures of more than 100 stars. Half of the book's proceeds benefit the Starlight Foundation, which grants wishes to seriously ill kids. Try to identify today's titans by their baby mugs:

## New electronic toys speak to the needs of Hispanic tots



"A" is for "agua," "B" is for "bebe," "C" is for "casa" ... simple ABCs to millions of U.S.-born children of Spanish-speaking parents. Now there are toys for reinforcement:

Texas Instruments' new Spanish versions of popular electronic toys. El Zoo Mágico and El Loro Profesor are two of six toys targeted to kids who know the basics of Spanish but need help with vocabulary. "Most children learn English at school. This is a way to study Spanish at home," says TI's Gail Ribalta. A recent study shows that 93 percent of Hispanics want their kids to read and write proficiently in English, but an even larger group (98 percent) want their children to know Spanish perfectly. The toys cost \$20-\$70 — whether you understand "dólar" or dollar. 



# KIDSCALL

THE NEWS SURVEY FOR KIDS



### WHAT YOU SAID

In our Sept. 25-27 issue, KidsCall told you that medical researchers will experiment on 20 million animals this year. We asked: Should animals be used in medical research? The results, based on the first 5,000 calls:

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Some people believe state lotteries are a good way to raise funds for schools. Critics argue that lottery money just replaces tax money that normally would go to schools. Still others say schools should not be linked to gambling.